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RESPONSE

The Honorable Patrick Leahy
United States Senate
Washington, D.C. 20510

Dear Senator Leahy:

Thank you for your letter of August 15, 1997 regarding the "Mercury Emissions from Fluorescent Lamps" report announced in the Federal Register on July 11, 1997 (62 FR 37183). Your letter requests an extension to the 45 day comment period for the report.

The Agency will provide another 45 days beyond the initial comment period to allow stakeholders more time to review the study and submit comments. The comment period is extended to October 9, 1997 from August 25, 1997.

We appreciate your interest in the mercury emissions study and the regulatory decision on mercury-containing lamps. If you have any questions about this effort, please have your staff contact David Bussard of my staff at (703) 308-6880.

Sincerely,

Timothy J. Fields, Jr.
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